Statement

Allocation/Releases made under BADP in the NE States during 2000-2001 and 2001-02

(Rs. Crore)

	States	2000-01		2001-02	
		Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	13.51	6.75	13.51	13.51
2.	Assam	7.48	3.74	7.48	7.48
3.	Manipur	4.16	4.16	4.16	4.16
4.	Meghalaya	4.70	4.70	4.70	5.36
5.	Mizoram	8.32	12.32	8.32	16.08
6.	Nagaland	4.16	4.16	4.16	4.16
7.	Sikkim	5.72	4.63	5.72	5.72
8.	Tripura	12.96	12.96	12.96	12.96

Border area development plan in Himachal Pradesh

5366. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to bring four more districts in Himachal Pradesh under Border Area Development Plan;

(b) if so, by when and the name of the districts; and

(c) whether the State Government has sent any proposal in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Special Central Assistance is provided under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) to the blocks which have international land borders. Thus BADP covers the border blocks in seventeen States namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh,

Uttaranchal and West Bengal. The main objective of the Programme is to meet the special needs of the people living in remote, inaccessible areas situated near the international border. Extending the programme to whole districts would spread the existing small allocations too thinly to have any visible impact. Hence, it has not been possible to accede to the request of the Government of Himachal Pradesh to extend the Programme to various districts.

Long term action plan for Orissa

5367. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revised Long Term Action Plan submitted by Orissa has not yet been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(c) the amount released by Government for development of KBK districts in Orissa during the last five years other than the usual poverty alleviation and overall Central Government Development Schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Revised Long Term Action Plan for the KBK Districts of Orissa (1998-99 to 2006-07) which consists of Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in various sectors, namely, agriculture, horticulture, watershed development, afforestation, irrigation, health, drinking-water, emergency feeding, welfare of SCs and STs and rural connectivity has been in operation since 1998-99.

In order to fill critical gaps, Additional Central Assistance (ACA) has been allocated to the KBK Districts each year. In addition, Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) has also been given. The funding criteria for irrigation projects in KBK Districts has been relaxed. CLA will therefore be provided in full without the State's share if the State Government rationalizes its water rates to recover the full O&M cost in five years. Additional Central Assistance (ACA)/Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated